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Sam Wilson Captain America

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BREAKING NEWS
GUILTY!!! RAGE RECEIVES JAIL TIME FOR BREAKING INTO PAWN SHOP
WS: Reports that Speed Demon and accomplice robbed pawn shop remain unconfirmed after Sam Wilson ev
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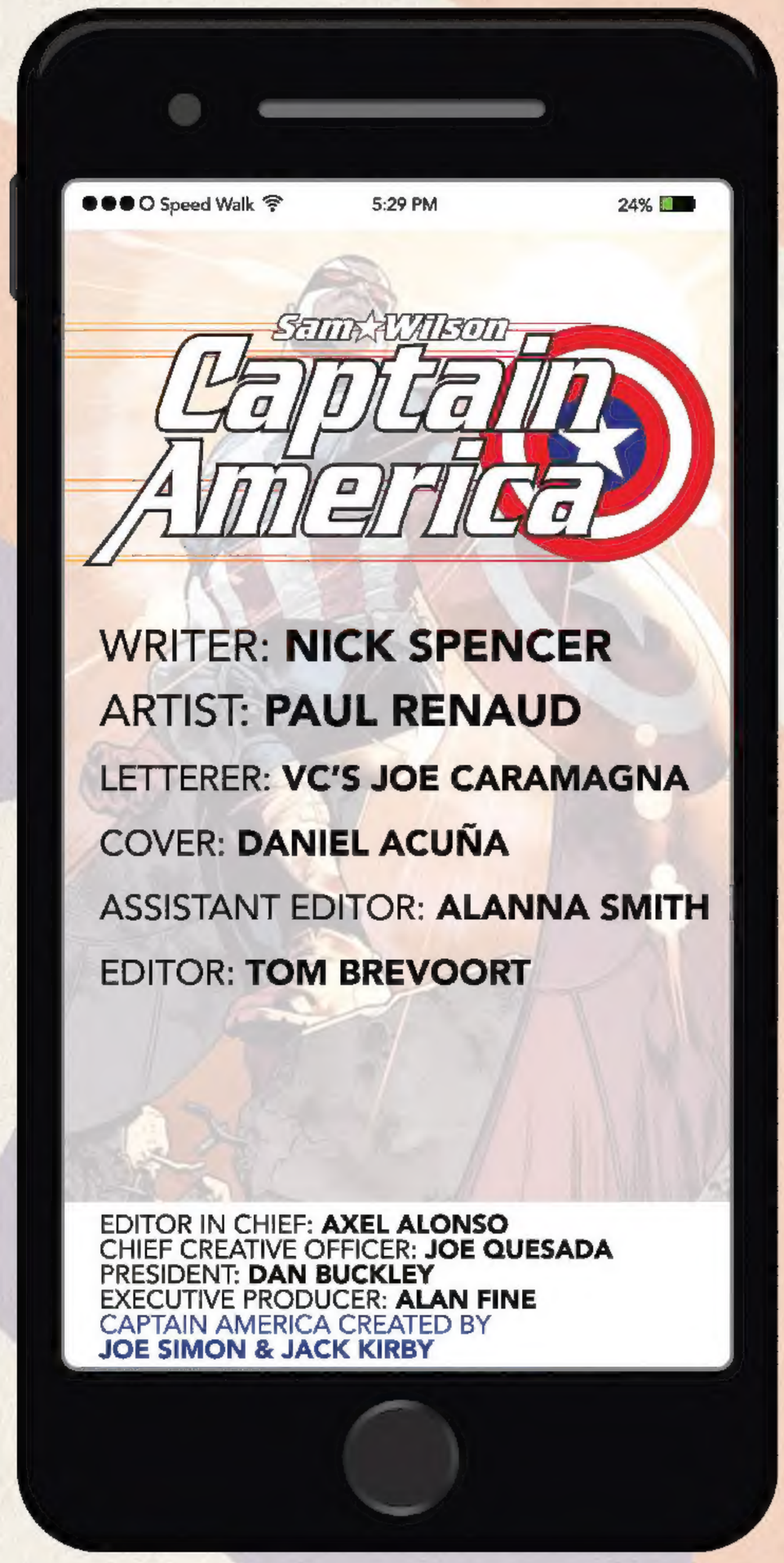
SAM WILSON @CAPTAINAMERICASW
After Steve Rogers was drained of his Super-Soldier serum, he passed his shield to me, Sam Wilson, A.K.A. The Falcon. Now that he's back in action, we both fight the good fight as Captain America.
The NY Bulletin @NewYorkBu... 11m
RAGE TRIAL: Judge declares @CAPTAINAMERICASW's video evidence suggesting Rage's innocence inadmissible due to unprecedented technology used.
The NY Bulletin @NewYorkBu... 29m
NYC RESIDENTS: Protest activity reported in all city boroughs. Public officials urge residents to travel safely and keep protests peaceful.
Tinfoil Hat Podcast @TinfoilHa... 37m
Rage probably didn't do the deed, but footage from psychic bird cams? @CAPTAINAMERICASW should have known that wouldn't hold up in court.
Harry Hauser @RadioAmer... 44m
Judge made the right call! @CAPTAINAMERICASW's evidence was faked and Rage is a criminal!! Americops who arrested him were doing their jobs!
The FALCON!!! @JoaquinTo... 54m
I don't even know what to say to y'all right now. #FREERAGE



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SO THIS IS IT--

--THE END OF THE LINE.

I TRIED TO TAKE A STAND.

TRIED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

BUT THE TRUTH IS, I DIDN'T DO ENOUGH--

--DIDN'T SEE THE WARNING SIGNS--

--UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.

UNTIL A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE HUNG IN THE BALANCE--

IN GOD WE TRUST

--AND THE SYSTEM FAILED US ONCE AGAIN.

FREE RAGE!

NOT GUILTY!

FREE RAGE!

RAGE IS INNOCENT!

NOW WE'RE MORE DIVIDED THAN EVER--

NOT GUILTY!

WE WANT JUSTICE!

--AND THE STREETS ARE DEMANDING JUSTICE.

NOT GUILTY!

FREE RAG

JUSTICE 4 RAGE!

DAY TWO OF RIOTS IN NEW YORK CITY, THANKS TO THE SUCCESSFUL CONVICTION OF THE CRIMINAL AND ANTI-AMERICOPS VIGILANTE, **RAGE.**

HARRY HAUSER

FOLKS, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU HOW DISGUSTING, AND DISTURBING, THIS IS.

VIOLENT PROTESTERS DESTROYING THEIR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS, LOOTING, ATTACKING LAW ENFORCEMENT! CHAOS IN THE STREETS!

HARRY HAUSER

THIS KIND OF LAWLESS CULTURE IS POISONING TOO MANY COMMUNITIES! NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW, NO RESPECT FOR SOCIETY--

--THESE RACIAL AGITATORS DON'T CARE ABOUT THE FACTS! THEY JUST WANT AN EXCUSE TO CAUSE HARM AND DESTRUCTION!

HARRY HAUSER

AND WHEN WILL SAM WILSON--WHO CLAIMS TO BE CAPTAIN AMERICA--START DOING HIS JOB HERE?!

IF YOU ASK ME, HE SHOULD BE OUT THERE PROTECTING THESE NEIGHBORHOODS AND WORKING TO APPREHEND ALL THESE LAWBREAKERS!

INSTEAD, HE'S HELPING TO INCITE THIS VIOLENCE!

HARRY HAUSER

LOOK, WE'VE GOT TO GET STARTED ON YOUR APPEAL--

SAM, COME ON--

IT'S OVER.

ELVIN, NO--DON'T TALK LIKE THAT--

I TOLD YOU FROM THE START, I WANTED PEOPLE TO SEE.

AND THEY DID--

--THAT'S THE PROBLEM. THINGS ARE SPIRALING OUT, ELVIN. THE CITY IS BURNING TO THE GROUND.

MAYBE WE SHOULD LET IT.

YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?

MAYBE WHAT GETS BUILT IN ITS PLACE WILL BE SOMETHING BETTER.

MAYBE PEOPLE GOT TIRED OF ***ASKING*** FOR CHANGE, AND STARTED ***FORCING*** IT TO HAPPEN.

YOU REALLY THINK THIS WILL CHANGE ANYONE'S MIND?

MAYBE, MAYBE NOT-- BUT THEY'RE ***ANGRY***--

--AND THE WORLD OUT THERE SHOULD ***SEE*** IT.

THEY'RE GONNA SEE IT THE WAY THEY ***WANT*** TO, ELVIN. THEY'LL JUST SAY IT'S A BUNCH OF PEOPLE BREAKING THE LAW.

HH. THE LAW. YOU KNOW, THE LAW'S SUPPOSED TO BE A DEAL BETWEEN BOTH SIDES. A TWO-WAY STREET. YOU ABIDE BY IT, IT PROTECTS YOU IN RETURN.

HOW YOU GONNA ASK FOLKS TO OBEY THE LAW IF THE LAW BECOMES THEIR ENEMY? WHEN THE LAW IS WHAT THEY NEED PROTECTION ***FROM*** TOO MANY TIMES?

WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW, HAPPENS BECAUSE OF THE TRUTH. I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.

IT MAY NOT MAKE A DAMN BIT OF DIFFERENCE, BUT AT LEAST IT WILL BE REMEMBERED. AT LEAST ***I'LL*** BE REMEMBERED.

WHAT'S ***THAT*** SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

THEY'RE MOVING ME TO ***Z BLOCK*** TOMORROW, SAM.

Z BLOCK. THE SPECIAL WING OF A STATE PENITENTIARY NOT TOO FAR FROM HERE--

--DEDICATED TO THE INCARCERATION OF SUPER-POWERED CONVICTS.

GOT PROPOSED AND BUILT BECAUSE THE STATE GOT TIRED OF DEPENDING ON THE FEDS AND S.H.I.E.L.D. TO HOUSE THESE TYPES.

PROBLEM IS, THEY NEVER HAD THE BUDGET TO DO IT RIGHT.

ENDED UP FARMING IT OUT TO ONE OF THOSE FOR-PROFIT PRISON OUTFITS MORE CONCERNED WITH REVENUES THAN REHABILITATION--

--AND CREATING A SPECIAL KIND OF HELL FOR ANYONE THAT'S UNLUCKY ENOUGH TO GET STUCK THERE.

POOR CONDITIONS, CRUMBLING FACILITIES, A STAFF THAT LOVES THROWING INMATES INTO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AT THE DROP OF A HAT--

--AND THAT'S NOT EVEN GETTING INTO THE ***VIOLENCE.***

AND THIS IS THE BIG CONCERN FOR ELVIN.

YOU KNOW WHEN PEOPLE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT HOW THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO A COP IS GETTING LOCKED UP WITH THE CROOKS THEY PUT AWAY?

IMAGINE THAT FOR A ***SUPER HERO.***

CITY HALL.

I HAVE SENT A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR ASKING FOR HIS HELP IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS.

WE ARE ALL LOOKING TO FIND A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

NOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO **SAM WILSON, CAPTAIN AMERICA,** WHO HAS A STATEMENT TO GIVE...

THANK YOU.

LAST TIME I GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, I STOOD UP FOR A LOT OF THINGS I BELIEVED IN.

GOOD AFTERNOON. AS YOU ALL KNOW, I'VE BEEN A VOCAL CRITIC OF THE AMERICOPS PROGRAM, AND WORKED TO SET UP CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THEM IN ADDITION TO SOME BROADER REFORMS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT--

--AND I'M HOPEFUL WE'LL SEE SOME PROGRESS ON THAT FRONT VERY SOON.

THAT SAID, WHILE I UNDERSTAND THE ANGER AND FRUSTRATION MANY PEOPLE FEEL OVER WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO RAGE--

--THAT DOES **NOT** MEAN VIOLENCE IS THE ANSWER.

WHILE MOST PEOPLE ARE PROTESTING PEACEFULLY, THERE ARE A SMALL NUMBER WHO ARE RESORTING TO LOOTING AND ATTACKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THIS IS **NEVER** ACCEPTABLE, AND UNDERMINES THE CAUSE WE ARE ALL FIGHTING FOR.

JUST AS IT IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE FOR THE AMERICOPS TO BEAT AND HARASS PEACEFUL PROTESTERS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE MUST **ALL** DEMAND BETTER OF OURSELVES-- ESPECIALLY THOSE OF US IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

YEAH, THIS DIDN'T FEEL LIKE THAT.

DO I HAVE TO MEAN THE WORDS COMING OUT OF MY MOUTH?

IT'S ALL WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY, NOT WHAT I WANT TO SAY

WHICH IS: LOOK AT HOW WE GOT HERE

LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO US.

I DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS, OR HOPE, NOT RIGHT NOW.

RIGHT NOW I FEEL POWERLESS.

SO MAYBE WHEN BEING ABLE TO FLY DOESN'T SOLVE ANYTHING, YOU TRY SOMETHING ELSE--

--MAYBE IT'S TIME TO KNEEL.

GO BACK TO THE ONE THING YOU KNOW TO BE TRUE.

I'M A LITTLE LATE, BUT HOPEFULLY THE PASTOR WON'T MIND--

--GIDEON IS MY BROTHER, AFTER ALL.

LET US PRAY.

HEAVENLY FATHER--

--WE COME TO ASK YOU TO LOOK AFTER OUR FRIEND ELVIN HALIDAY, LORD.

HE NEEDS YOU NOW, FATHER.

HE NEEDS YOUR MERCY AND YOUR GUIDANCE AND YOUR PROTECTION-- WE ASK YOU TO LOOK OVER HIM, LORD. KEEP HIS PATH SAFE.

AND WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OUT MARCHING TONIGHT--DELIVER THEM FROM EVIL, LORD--

--AND LET THEIR MESSAGE BE HEARD ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

WE ASK ALL THIS IN JESUS' NAME.

AMEN.

RAGE.

I NEVER CARED FOR THAT NAME MYSELF, TRUTH BE TOLD.

BUT NOW I LOOK AROUND, AT EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED HERE, AND I'LL ADMIT--

--I'M STARTING TO LIKE THE SOUND OF IT MORE AND MORE.

I'LL BE THE FIRST TO CALL FOR HEALING, AND FORGIVENESS-- GOD DEMANDS THAT--

"--AND I AM ***INSPIRED*** BY THE PROTESTERS, CHANTING AND WALKING PEACEFULLY THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOODS RIGHT NOW--

"--BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ***MISSING.***

"THERE'S A ***STRENGTH*** MISSING.

"THE VOICES THAT STAND UP AND SAY, 'NO MORE. I WILL NOT GO QUIETLY.

"'I WILL NOT GIVE UP, AND I WILL NOT COWER IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE.'"

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT VIOLENCE, OR DESTRUCTION--

--I'M TALKING ABOUT A ***RIGHTEOUS ANGER.***

"ELVIN--*RAGE*-- SPEAKS TO THAT ANGER. HE *EMBODIES* IT.

"AND THAT'S WHY THEY WORKED SO HARD TO BRING HIM DOWN.

"THAT'S WHY THEY FOUGHT SO HARD TO SILENCE HIM.

"BUT NOW IT'S *OUR* TURN, BROTHERS AND SISTERS--

"--WHERE HE BEGAN THIS FIGHT--

"--LET US CARRY ON IN HIS NAME."

WE KNOW IT WILL NOT BE EASY.

IT NEVER ***HAS*** BEEN.

WE KNOW THEY WILL COME AFTER US. THEY ALWAYS DO...

"THEY WILL CHASE AND HOUND US-- THREATEN US.

"THEY WILL TRY TO DENY US OUR BASIC RIGHTS, OUR FREEDOM.

FREE RAGE!

JUSTICE 4 RAGE!

"THEY WILL TRY TO MAKE US ***AFRAID.***

"THEY WILL TELL US TO BE QUIET.

NO MORE AMERICOPS

"BUT WE WILL STAND TALL. AND WHEN WE CAN'T DO THAT--

"--WE WILL LEAN ON EACH OTHER.

"NO MATTER WHAT THEY PUT IN OUR WAY--

"--WE WILL NOT GIVE UP.

NO MORE AMERICOPS

"WE WILL NOT LIE DOWN.

"NOT UNTIL THE WRONGS HAVE BEEN RIGHTED.

"NOT UNTIL JUSTICE IS DONE.

"ELVIN DID NOT BEND WHEN THEY PUT HIM IN THAT CELL.

"HE DID NOT BREAK WHEN THEY CONVICTED HIM OF A CRIME WE ALL KNOW HE DID NOT COMMIT.

"IN THE FACE OF THEIR HATRED, HE WAS A **ROCK.**

"HIS STRENGTH ONLY REVEALED HOW **SMALL** THEY WERE.

"HIS GRACE UNDER PRESSURE ONLY SHONE A LIGHT ON THAT SIN."

SO, NOW, LET HIM BE OUR EXAMPLE.

LET WHAT BURNS IN HIS SOUL FILL OURS AS WELL--LET THAT ANGER GIVE US STRENGTH WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.

LET US BE CONSUMED BY IT--

"--GOD'S RAGE."

LIKE I SAID--

--THE END OF THE LINE.

SAM?

CLAIRE--

WE NEED TO TALK.

WE DID EVERYTHING WE COULD, BUT--THE TRAUMA WAS... EXTENSIVE. THE DAMAGE TO THE ***BRAIN,*** ESPECIALLY. BY THE TIME HE GOT HERE--

WE HAVE HIM ON THE VENTILATORS, BUT--YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND--

--WHAT'S KEEPING HIM ALIVE NOW IS ENTIRELY ARTIFICIAL.

I'M ***SO SORRY,*** SAM.

CAN I-- CAN I SEE HIM?

H-HEY, ELVIN, IT'S UH...IT'S ME, SAM. I--

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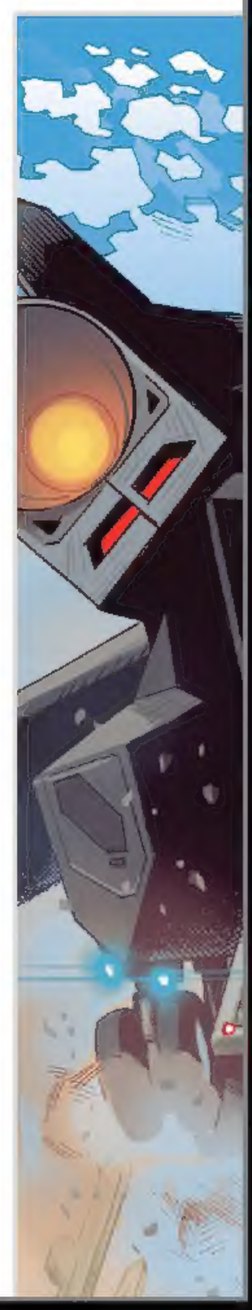

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